

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Starting at page 1, line 5 of the specification, please make the following amendments:

CLAIMS

~~{What is claimed is}~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, as follows:

~~{Claim 1}~~ A One aspect of the present invention is a surface modified inorganic oxide powder, wherein the amount of residual volatile organic components is less than 30 ppm.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, as follows

~~{Claim 2}~~ The Another embodiment of the present invention is the previously described surface modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to Claim 1~~, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is reduced to less than 30 ppm by heat treatment after the surface modification at a temperature of from higher than the volatilization temperature of the organic volatile components to lower than the decomposition temperature of a treating agent for surface modifying.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 as follows:

~~{Claim 3}~~ The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to Claim 2~~, wherein the volatile components on the powder surface are removed by the heat treatment at from higher than 200 degree C to lower than 400 degree C at the time of a surface treatment and

the further heat treatment at from higher than 150 degree C to lower than 400 degree C.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23, as follows:

~~[Claim 4]~~ A Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface modified inorganic oxide powder, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is reduced to less than 30 ppm by the surface treatment with the use of a treating agent obtained by dissolving a long-chain alkylsilane together with a catalyst.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, as follows:

~~[Claim 5]~~ The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to Claim 4~~, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of a diluted treating agent in which the long chain alkylsilane having more than 16 carbon atoms is dissolved together with an amine catalyst.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, as follows:

~~[Claim 6]~~ The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to Claim 5~~, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of the treating agent obtained by diluting the long-chain alkylsilane from 2 to 6 times.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, as follows

~~[Claim 7] The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface~~
modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to Claim 4, Claim 5, or Claim 6~~, wherein
the surface treatment is carried out by existing the treating agent on the surface of the
inorganic oxide powder and heating at higher than 200 degree C.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17, as follows:

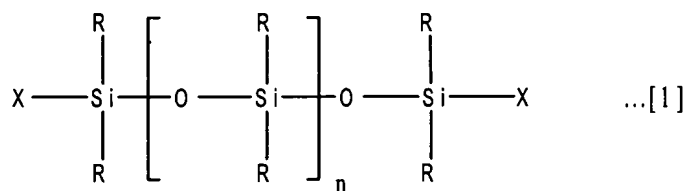
~~[Claim 8] The Another embodiment of the present invention and is a surface~~
modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to any one of from Claim 1 to Claim 7~~,
wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is less than 10 ppm.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, as follows:

~~[Claim 9] The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface~~
modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to any one of from Claim 1 to Claim 8~~,
wherein the inorganic oxide powder is silica, titania, alumina, or composite oxide
particles comprising one or more these oxides.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, as follows:

~~[Claim 10] The Another embodiment of the present invention is a surface~~
modified inorganic oxide powder ~~according to any one of from Claim 1 to Claim 9~~,
wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of at least one alkylsilane
represented by the following formula [1], [2], [3], or [4].



Where R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group which may be optionally substituted partially by a vinyl group, a phenyl group, a polyether group, a epoxy group or an amino group. R bonding to each Si may be the same or different. X represents the R, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or a hydrolysable alkoxy group, n represents an integer of 15 to 500.



Where, R represents an alkyl group, and X represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or an alkoxy group. R¹, R², and R³ in formula [3] and [4] may be the same or different. At least one of them has more than 6 carbons preferably.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, as follows:

~~[Claim 11] A~~ Another embodiment of the present invention is a polar resin composite obtained by mixing a urethane resin, an epoxy resin, an acrylic resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, or a silicone modified resin with the surface modified inorganic oxide powder of any of the previous aspects and embodiments of the present invention according to any one of Claim 1 to Claim 10, where the content of the modified powder is less than 50% by weight.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2, as follows:

~~[Claim 12]~~ The Another embodiment of the present invention is a polar resin
composite according to Claim 11, wherein the composite is used as an adhesive or a
sealant.